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High-Level Yugoslav Delegation to Czechoslovakia

Vice President of the Yugoslav Federal Executive Council, Kiro Gligorov, and member of the Federal Executive Council and chairman of the Yugoslav-Czechoslovak Committee for Economic Cooperation, Marin Cetinic, will visit Czechoslovakia from 3 to 6 June.

Closer economic ties between the two countries undoubtedly will be the main topic of discussion. Special attention probably will be given to the proposed construction of an oil pipe line through Yugoslavia and Hungary to Czechoslovakia. If constructed, the line will facilitate the delivery of Iranian oil to the Czechoslovaks and diminish Prague's reliance on the Soviets for petroleum.

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Polish Premier to Denmark

Premier Cyrankiewicz will pay an official visit to Denmark from 10 through 13 June, according to an official Polish announcement.

Cyrankiewicz's visit, which is in return for former Danish Premier Krag's trip to Poland in January 1967, was originally scheduled for 20 June. The Poles, however, reportedly asked for a rescheduling, pleading that Cyrankiewicz would be busy during the last two weeks of the month. This is the best evidence so far that the reported Polish central committee plenum will be held about that time. The plenum is slated to approve the party's pre-congress theses and, according to numerous rumors, may result in some personnel changes in the party hierarchy.

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Poland's National Front Holds Plenum

A plenum of the National Unity Front (FJN), the regime's political umbrella organization, will be held in Warsaw on 4 June. The session will be devoted to "current problems of the political-educational work" of the FJN, and will also elect a new chairman.

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The present chairman is ailing politburo member Edward Ochab, who resigned as head of state on 8 April. His impending replacement on the FJN suggests that he is being divested of all his positions, and may lose his politburo post at the forthcoming party plenum late this month.

The FJN itself has come under attack by the party's hardliners in recent weeks for allegedly failing to take a strong enough stand on the current internal political situation. The appointment of the new chairman may give another clue to the behind the scenes progress of the factional struggle within the party.

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Viet Cong Representative Identified in Sofia

Nguyen Duk Van has been identified as the Sofia "representative of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam" in a 30 May press article related to the Bulgarian visit of DRV Deputy Premier, Le Thanh Nghi. This is the first public reference to any NLF representative since the announcement in November 1967 that unnamed NLF functionaries had arrived in Sofia to open a "permanent representation." The exact title and status of the "permanent representation" remains unknown.

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Yugoslavs, Czechoslovaks and Hungarians to Confer on Oil Pipeline

Plans for constructing an oil pipeline to transport Iranian crude oil from Yugoslavia to Hungary and Czechoslovakia seem to be making headway. Figyelo a Hungarian economic weekly reported on 29 May that a tripartite meeting has been scheduled sometime in June. Previous contacts on the project were limited to bilateral meetings. The initiation of tripartite discussion suggests that most bilateral problems have been ironed out and that planning will now take more concrete forms.

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